

JEFFERSON-MADISON REGIONAL LIBRARY AND WRITERHOUSE PRESENT A

# POETRY CONTEST FOR ADULTS



## guidelines



### WHAT DO I DO?

- Submit **ONE** poem to any branch of the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library or to WriterHouse between March 1 and March 31, 2017. See back for designated submission locations.
- Poem must be the contestant's original work.
- **Your poem must be THIRTY (30) lines or less.** Poems longer than this will not be considered.
- Contestants may express any theme or use any poetic form in their entry.
- **TYPE** your entry on unlined, white paper.
- Only include your title and poem on the front of your entry (**no names please**). Attach the form below with your name and contact information to the **BACK** of your entry.
- **Thursday, March 31, 2017** is the deadline for submission. Entries submitted after this date will not be considered.
- This contest is open to **ages 18 and older**. If you will turn 18 by March 31, 2017, you are eligible.
- Entrants must reside in Central Virginia. Employees of JMRL and WriterHouse are not eligible for the competition.
- By entering the contest, contestants give permission to the sponsoring organizations to read, display, or otherwise publicize the content of their contest submissions.

### HOW WILL THE WINNERS BE CHOSEN?

- A panel of judges will review the entries. Finalists will be judged by renowned poet Annie Kim who will choose the winning entry and runner-up. Judges' decisions are final.

### WHAT HAPPENS IF I WIN?

- The winner will receive a \$200 Visa gift card, and the runner-up will receive a \$100 Visa gift card compliments of the JMRL Friends of the Library and WriterHouse.
- The winners of this contest will be announced at Central Library's Poetry on the Steps as part of JMRL's Poem in Your Pocket Day celebration on Thursday, April 20th at 7pm. Winners will be honored and presented with their prizes at this time. All contestants are encouraged to attend and read their poems aloud at this open-mic celebration.

**Questions?** Contact Hayley Tompkins at 434.823.4050 or Sibley Johns at 434.296.1922.

**PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND TAPE IT TO THE BACK OF YOUR ENTRY.  
RETURN TO ANY JMRL LOCATION OR TO WRITERHOUSE BY MARCH 31, 2017.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and agree to the rules and terms of this contest:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## submission locations

### JMRL LOCATIONS

**CENTRAL LIBRARY**  
Reference Department  
201 E. Market St.  
Charlottesville, VA 22902  
(434) 979-7151 x4

**CROZET LIBRARY**  
2020 Library Ave.  
Crozet, VA 22932  
(434) 823-4050

**GORDON AVENUE LIBRARY**  
1500 Gordon Ave.  
Charlottesville, VA 22903  
(434) 296-5544

**GREENE COUNTY LIBRARY**  
222 Main St. Suite 101  
Stanardsville, VA 22973  
(434) 985-5227

**LOUISA COUNTY LIBRARY**  
881 Davis Highway  
Mineral, VA 23117  
(540) 894-5853

**NELSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY**  
8521 Thomas Nelson Highway  
Lovingsston, VA 22949  
(434) 263-5904

**NORTHSIDE LIBRARY**  
705 West Rio Rd.  
Charlottesville, VA 22901  
(434) 973-7893

**SCOTTSVILLE LIBRARY**  
330 Bird St.  
Scottsville, VA 24590  
(434) 286-3541

**BOOKMOBILE**  
705 West Rio Rd.  
Charlottesville, VA 22901  
(434) 973-7893 x2

### WRITERHOUSE

508 Dale Avenue  
Charlottesville, VA 22902  
(434) 296-1922



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